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<p>54 Description: Surgical instrument</p> <p>57 Abstract: In order to improve a surgical instrument with a shaft, with a tool mounted on a distal end of the shaft, with a moveable actuation element mounted on the proximal end of the shaft, with a force-transfer member assigned to the actuation element to transfer tensile or compressive forces from the actuation element to the tool, and with a force-limitation device to limit a tensile or compressive force acting from the actuation element on the force-transfer member so that it is of simple design and whose individual parts may be assembled in a simple manner, it is recommended that the force-limitation device include a force-limitation element, and that the force-limitation element acts directly on the proximal end of the force-transfer member.</p>	